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an Information Technology (IT) Application)
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Document No. 2 is concerned with underlying models which are related to the cost piece but not the value piece. This is a website.

Document 3 is concerned with underlying models with related to the cost piece as opposed to the value piece.

Document. 4 is a print-out of various addresses of the website of Enamics, a company.

Document 5 is the website of CIOview Corp. describing financial methodology to quantify the return on investment of IT projects.

Document 6 is a website of Ajunto, Inc. The organization provides a decision support engine that maps buyer criteria with seller and product attributes.

Document 7 is a website of an organization identified as Meta Group, Inc. The organization seeks to carry out IT value measurement.

Document 8 is an article focusing on solutions to creating quantifiable metrics that measure IT value. Probability distribution is introduced as a measurement tool.

Document 9 discusses five steps to "value capture". The document touches on issues of users in queuing theory-like algorithms and provides graphs of a sample scorecard.

Document 10 is a web version of CIO magazine. The document talks about the difficulties of measuring IT value and some of the traditional methods for quantification.

Document 11 is a summary of various value approaches which companies are employing.

Document 12 provides a case study on using value metrics to decide between three new project alternatives. The document looks at Hubbard Ross methodology.

Document 13 employs a statistical technique to confirm executive perceptions of IT business value as a valid means of assessing IT business value.

Document 14 looks to the results of a survey by industry on four IT productivity metrics.

Document 15 looks at the results of a survey by industry on four IT productivity metrics.

Document 16 looks at the results of a survey by industry on four IT productivity metrics.

Document 17 provides an analysis of regression equations to quantify the contribution of IT capital.

Document 18 presents views by the Meta Group on the business discipline of IT.

In document 19, an IS panel discusses the changing relationship of IT systems and the businesses they support.

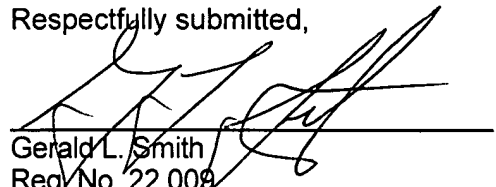
Document 20 provides a description of the Meta Group information ecosystem model.

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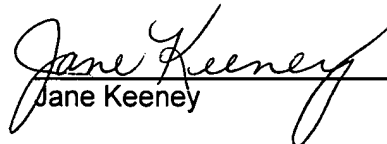
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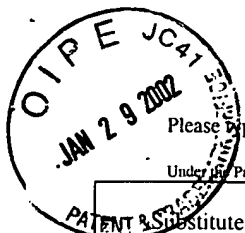
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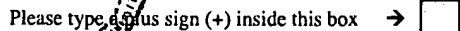
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